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DELAY IN EXECUTION OF PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the execution of a large number of Centrally funded projects/schemes have been delayed leading to time and huge cost-overrun;

(b) if so, the details of such projects/schemes and reasons for delay;

(c) the revised estimated cost of these projects/schemes;

(d) the present status of these projects/schemes;

(e) whether Government is considering to formulate a Task Force for planning and monitoring the project implementation for timely completion of these projects/schemes; and

(f) if so, the details of action initiated in this regard alongwith the target dates by which these projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (d) : The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India, monitors the implementation status of all the Central Sector Projects in 16 infrastructure sectors costing Rs.20 crore and above. The details of cost and time overrun in these projects are given in Annexure I and Annexure II respectively. The reasons for time and cost overruns are mainly due to fund constraints, land problems, law and order, delay in supply of equipments, environmental clearance, geological surprises, delay in finalization of detailed engineering etc.

The Revised Cost Estimates of these projects (latest approved cost) is of the order of Rs.352011.32 crores.

As on 30.9.2006, 860 Central Sector Projects with anticipated cost of Rs.3,84,686.30 crores were monitored by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. Of these, 307 projects were having time overrun to the extent of range 1-195 months with respect to their original schedule. 257 projects were having the cost overrun of 63.59% as compared to their original cost. The overall cost overrun of 860 projects was to the extent of 9.28% with respect to the latest sanctioned estimates. 84 projects have shown both time and cost overrun. During 2006-07, 41 projects have been completed upto 30.9.2006.

(e) : There is no such proposal, at present.

(f) : In view of (e) above, does not arise.